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# **Tar Heel Talk...**

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## **Meet the Staff**

### **An Interview with new staff member Clint Exum**

**What is your job title and what do you do?**

I am the Outreach Specialist. I perform outreach activities such as making presentations at different locations and letting people know what services NCLBPH offers to the eligible NC residents. I also recruit new patrons. I lead guided tours of our building, work with volunteers and provide content for LBPH's webpages.

**Where did you work before you came here and what did you do?**

Before I came here, I was an AmeriCorps Member serving at the NCWorks Career Center in Clayton, NC. I enrolled people into NCWorks.gov, helped people build resumes, write cover letters, apply for jobs, and prepare for interviews. I set up outreaches at libraries to do similar tasks off site for people who didn't have reliable transportation. I taught resume building and job hunting classes at the Johnston County Correctional Institution and at a Substance Abuse rehabilitation community. I set up and participated in volunteer projects. I assisted in training new staff members. I led the Public Relations Committee, managed our social media pages, took photos and posted a monthly newsletter. I also provided technical support for customers and staff members.

**What are your Hobbies?**

I like to draw, write, play video/board games, play and watch basketball, cook, try new things and spend time with my friends and family.

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**Why did you want to work at the library?**

**My contract with AmeriCorps was coming to an end. I wanted to stay in a field where I could still help improve the lives of others. I think the seemingly endless hours of outreach I spent in the libraries helped push me in this direction as well.**

**What is your Favorite Book and why?**

**It is literally impossible to choose a favorite. My taste in literature varies intermittently. What I may love one day may want to make me cringe the next.**

**What are your Favorite types of books?**

**This isn't quite as impossible as the previous question. I do enjoy graphic novels, comics and manga. I can appreciate the detail that goes into the art work while conveying a compelling story. I also like books that are suspenseful or mysterious and just make me want to keep turning the page. However, if I'm reading something funny that can really make me laugh hard, then that wins.**

**What movie would you take to a desert island?**

**It's a tie between Cast Away and Lord of the Flies for some pointers of what to do and not to do.**

**What song would you sing if you were on American Idol?**

**I would sing Goodbye, Moonmen. It's a song from a show called Rick and Morty, and it proves one can change the way you feel about a message by the way words are arranged.**

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# Friends' Corner

Friends of the NC Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

## President's Letter

*by Eddie Weaver*

Dear Friends,

I hope all of you are doing well. We have been very busy over the past few months attending several outreach events including the NC Council of the Blind state convention, National Federation of the Blind state convention, and the NC Lions VIP Fishing Tournament. It is always great seeing all of our Friends at these events, and I hope you will continue to visit the Library for the Blind and Friends of the Library for the Blind table when you have the opportunity. We enjoy meeting each of you and sharing the benefits of being a member of the Friends organization.

The Friends Board would like to say thank you to those of you who have renewed your membership with the Friends of the Library for the Blind since January of this year. We sent out renewal notices by mail as well as by email, and many have responded by renewing again this year. However, over the years, many of our Friends of the Library members have moved, and we have lost contact with you. To keep our membership records up to date, if you have moved over the last year or so, please send us an email at [info@friendsncldbph.org](mailto:info@friendsncldbph.org) or contact us at 888-388-2460 and provide us with your updated mailing address. Now, please understand, this request does not apply to your braille or talking book service you receive from the Library for the Blind. If you are calling the Library to report an updated mailing address for your Friends Membership, please let them know that it is to update your Friends information.

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Occasionally, I think it is a good reminder to let everyone know who the Friends of the Library for the Blind is and how long we have been a supporting organization of the NC Library. This information is from our website located at [www.friendsncldbph.org](http://www.friendsncldbph.org).

The Friends of the North Carolina Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped was chartered as a North Carolina nonprofit corporation in March 1990 and received its 501(c)3 tax exempt status in January 1992. The Friends is a membership-based organization that provides monetary and advocacy support to the NC Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Through the annual fees members pay, as well as donations and bequests, the Friends are able to provide tangible support to existing Library programs and to promote several projects and advocacy activities designed to engage and support the blind and visually impaired community in literacy. Reading is what the Library is all about, and the Friends support that cause wholeheartedly. Funds raised by the Friends have been invested wisely, allowing us to enhance library services beyond what the actual State budget provides annually. All donations to the Friends are tax deductible.

Did you know, that through your membership fees and tax deductible donations during the 2015-2016 fiscal year, your funds purchased 355 large print books, 10 braille books, and 52 copies of new movies to increase the DVD Descriptive Movie Club selections to over 800 available movie options? That is just a sample of how important it is to donate and join the Friends organization to continue to provide support for Library services and programs.

Please take a few moments to either join or renew your membership with the Friends of the NC Library so that we can continue to provide support and assistance to the NC Library for the Blind programs and services. See below for a printed Friends application, or you can join online at [www.friendsncldbph.org](http://www.friendsncldbph.org). We love our Friends and look forward to having you be a part of this organization. Enjoy your summer!

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## **The North Carolina Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped invites you to join our 2017 Kids Summer Reading Program**

- **The program begins June 1 and runs to August 31, 2017.**
- **Patrons ages 0-21 may register until July 31.**
- **You can call the library to register, or sign up on our online registration form.**
- **Read at least 5 books to win a prize.**
- **Top 3 readers win gift cards**

**For more information about the Kids Summer Reading Program, call NCLBPH at 1-888-388-2460 or visit our website at <http://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/lbph/>.**





**The North Carolina Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped invites you to join our 2017 Adult Summer Reading Program!**

- **The program begins June 1 and runs to August 31, 2017.**
- **Patrons over 21 years of age may register until July 31.**
- **You can call the library to register, or sign up on our online registration form.**
- **Read at least 10 books to win a prize.**
- **Top 3 readers win gift cards**

**For more information about the Adult Summer Reading Program, call NCLBPH at 1-888-388-2460 or visit our website at <http://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/lbph/>.**



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# Learning to Fly

by Gary Ray

*Gary Ray is a long-time patron of the library, as well as a former employee. He served several terms as president of the Friends of the NC Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Below, Gary shares his sky diving experience with us.*

The plane took off and soared into the sky. We climbed to 14,000 feet and the door opened. I was already in a flight suit and wearing a helmet and goggles, buckled to the chest of the instructor who was wearing the parachute.

We crab-walked over to the door until my toes reached the door. We rocked forward, then back, and when we rocked forward again, we plunged out of the plane. I had my hands crossed over my heart and my heels thrust back between the instructor's legs. We tumbled several times and then we started to fly. I had my arms stretched out like Superman and it was incredible!

We dropped 10,000 feet in less than a minute. We were parallel to the ground. Then, suddenly, the parachute deployed and we went from being parallel to the ground to being perpendicular. The transition from flying to being under the parachute was pretty jarring.

I then learned how to drive the chute by pulling down on the parachute leads. My instructor told me which way we needed to go and I drove the parachute. We were under the chute for about four minutes.

The instructor then told me to grab my legs and try to pull them up parallel to the ground. We softly settled down on the grass of the field.

Of all the experiences I have had in my life, this was the BEST! I did it at age 65! But, former President George H W Bush did it at age 90!

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## ***Treachery at Lancaster Gate***

***Treachery at Lancaster Gate by Anne Perry***

**From the book jacket:**

"Gripping and provocative, the latest Thomas and Charlotte Pitt mystery by New York Times bestselling author Anne Perry peers unflinchingly into the corrupt affairs of Victorian society on the brink of the century's turn. The world is poised for social and political change, but England holds tight to its traditions, classes, and prejudices.

When an explosion in London kills two policemen and seriously injures three more, many believe that anarchists are the culprits. But Thomas Pitt, commander of Special Branch, knows the city's radical groups well enough to suspect otherwise: that someone with decidedly more personal motives lit the deadly fuse. As he investigates the source of the fatal blast, he's stunned to discover the bombing was a calculated strike against the ranks of law enforcement.

But still more shocking revelations await, as Pitt's inquiries lead him to a member of Parliament hoping for a lucrative business deal, a high-ranking police officer with secrets to keep, and an aristocratic opium addict seeking murderous revenge. As he pursues each increasingly threatening lead, Pitt finds himself impeded at every turn by the barriers put in place to protect the rich and powerful—barriers which, as they start to crumble, threaten to bury him alive."

*Treachery at Lancaster Gate* is the latest in the Thomas and Charlotte Pitt mystery series of books by Anne Perry. In the beginning of the series, Thomas starts as a regular cop on the beat, and rises through the ranks to become head of Special Branch. His high born wife and her sister Emily often provide Thomas with an entre into high society and help him solve his cases. The Thomas and Charlotte Pitt books are a wonderful series if you like reading mysteries set in the turn of the century.

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Please be sure to return cartridges in the container that matches the book or magazine. This helps speed up the check-in process and ensures that others can get the right book as quickly as possible.

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When we receive your membership form and fee, we will send you a catalog of DVS titles, which you may use to order movies. The library staff doesn't make movie selections for you; it is your responsibility to ensure that the library has a list of requests. You may send your requests by mail, or phone in up to 12 at a time on our toll-free line at 1-888-388-2460. You may send as many requests as you like, but we can't send the movies in any particular order or guarantee a specific time when they will be sent. Please order your movies by catalog number. As we receive a returned movie in the mail, we will send another. Please remember that we only send another movie if you have requests on file, and if your requests are available. As new titles are added to the collection, they will be listed in the library's newsletter, *Tar Heel Talk*. We update the catalog every two years. If you have questions about the DVS program, call us at 1-888-388-2460. If you would like to subscribe to the program, complete the following form.

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# Library Closing Dates

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Monday, May 29, 2017**

**Fourth of July  
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A grandfather tells his granddaughter the story of the building of the Blue Ridge Parkway, which he experienced firsthand as a boy growing up on a farm in western North Carolina during the Depression. For grades 3-6 and older interested readers.

**DBC06103**

**by Anne Mitchell Whisnant**

## ***Changing Places: Things I Learned at the NC State School for the Blind in the 1950s.***

Author's account of her life growing up in the 1950s at the NC State School for the Blind in Raleigh.

**DBX01231**

**by Myra Yarborough DeBruhl**

## ***Lucky to See at All: One Man's Journey with Visual Impairment***

William Bryan Waters grew up during the Depression in eastern North Carolina and, when he was in his teens, learned that he had a hereditary, degenerative disease of the eye called retinitis pigmentosa. This book surprises and delights, however, with tales of the author's youthful escapades as well as insight into education practices. An Epilogue details many accomplishments of William Waters' distinguished career with the Division of Services for the Blind.

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**by William Bryan Waters**

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